

Appl. No. 10/616,471
Reply to Office Action of October 13, 2004

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the Election/Restrictions mailed (Paper No. 2001006).

Restriction Requirement

Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, the claims classified as Group I in the Office Action. Namely, Applicant elects Claims 1-15 drawn to a firefighting implement, classified in Class 30, subclass 123.

Applicant hereby withdraws, and so reflects in the Listings of the Claims above, Claims 16-26 from further consideration in this Office Action, as drawn to one or more non-elected inventions, but reserves the right to prosecute at least these claims in a divisional application, which may be filed before the close of prosecution of the instant application.

Applicant further elects, without traverse, Species III (Fig. 3), as required by Examiner. Applicant hereby further withdraws, and so reflects in the Listing of Claims above, Claims 3 and 6, as drawn to one or more non-elected species, but reserves the right to prosecute at least these claims in a divisional application, which may be filed before the close of prosecution of the instant application. Therefore, Applicant submits that the Listing of Claims above is readable upon the election of Species III, and respectfully requests that Examiner consider these in claims in his subsequent examination.

Amendment to the Claims

Applicant has amended Claim 8, to correct a typographical error. Claim 8 now correctly depends from Claim 5.

Conclusion

Applicant submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the election/restriction set forth in the above-noted Office Action, and an early Notice of Allowance are requested.


If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions that could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the below-listed number.

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